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Dear Harry:

On p. 259 et seq. of the September 2009 P-W there's a beginning of FUGIO CENT DIE STUDY written by Michael S. McLaughlin. There are several thoughts which come to mind as I read this wonderful contribution to the subject.

You indicated that this item will be published in following issues of P-W into 2011. We would like to combine all segments into one folder or booklet for ourselves—thus will you send us an extra copy of the first McLaughlin segment and one extra of each of the following segments? Perhaps you or the author intends to publish a complete assembly after the P-W publications; but in the meanwhile, a grouping of the segments is needed by us and perhaps others. What is your thinking on the matter?

As you know, I had assembled, written and had published in 2008 a book entitled UNITED STATES FUGIO COPPER COINAGE OF 1787. I included a mention of McLaughlin's contribution to the field. I attempted to point out that the coinage was not the denomination of CENT. I might suggest that in subsequent segments of McLaughlin's study this might be modified accordingly as no mention of the word CENT is in the 1787 proceedings. Also the weight agreed upon did not conform to the 1785 statutory requirements of the denomination of the copper cent. The first segment of McLaughlin's kindly reference to my early work as in 1952 should also be January-February 1949 as revised in 1952. I was then wrong in using the word CENT, but I did not know better then. A reprint of my 1949 article is in my 2008 book. Should I contact McLaughlin or do you wish to do it? I don't remember any contact I have ever had with him.

Lastly I want to mention that I have almost prepared and am discussing with the publishers of my 2008 FUGIO book an Addenda and Errata for it. Would you be interested in publishing that. I would include a reference to McLaughlin's work but would not use any of his data. Is this a practical idea for the benefit of your readers at an appropriate time? As you may know, I write only for pleasure and on a not for profit basis just as you and many others do.

I hope you follow your medical profession's advice to remain healthy, vigorous and stay in action. I am so lucky to be writing at my age.

The Rittenhouse Society needs more people like you.

Thrive,  
Eric

Eric P. Newman, President

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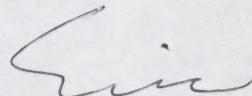
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Dear Harry:

You have a copy of our letter dated 10/19/09 to Michael S. McLaughlin. With your help his address was finally located. We enclose a copy of his 11/23/09 response. I then wrote him on 12/12/09 and tried to be more factual even though his letter may be interpreted as somewhat strange for an experienced researcher.

As to your kindness in being willing to publish the addenda and errata for my FUGIO book if my publishers approve, there is no urgency in doing so because it may be impractical to do so while McLaughlin's STUDIES are being included in P-W. It might cause reader confusion or be too much on one subject if simultaneously published.

A happy holiday to you.



Eric P. Newman, President